

February 2017

# Land Grant Application- Goodwin, Reuben (Lebanon)

Reuben Goodwin

Follow this and additional works at: [http://digitalmaine.com/revolutionary\\_war\\_me\\_land\\_office](http://digitalmaine.com/revolutionary_war_me_land_office)

---

## Recommended Citation

Goodwin, Reuben, "Land Grant Application- Goodwin, Reuben (Lebanon)" (2017). *Maine Land Office*. 375.  
[http://digitalmaine.com/revolutionary\\_war\\_me\\_land\\_office/375](http://digitalmaine.com/revolutionary_war_me_land_office/375)

This Text is brought to you for free and open access by the Revolutionary War at Maine State Documents. It has been accepted for inclusion in Maine Land Office by an authorized administrator of Maine State Documents. For more information, please contact [statedocs@maine.gov](mailto:statedocs@maine.gov).

112 ~~108~~  
Reuben Goodrow  
Res. March 24, 1836.

Filed July 2<sup>d</sup> 1836.

Admitted Certificate  
N<sup>o</sup> 117. ip<sup>d</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup>. 3<sup>d</sup> 1836.

Rec<sup>d</sup> the same

Alex. Hatch

Alex. Hatch

I *Reuben Goodwin* of *Lebanon* in the County of *York* and State of Maine, aged *seventy three* years, do, upon oath, declare in order to obtain the benefit of a Resolve of the Legislature of Maine, passed March 24, 1836, entitled a "Resolve additional to a Resolve, passed March 17th, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, entitled 'Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the Widows of the deceased Officers and Soldiers,' " that I enlisted *as a soldier in the Army of the Revolution in the month of January A.D. 1782 for three years and joined the tenth Regiment commanded by Col. Tupper in Capt. Abbott's Company, and served as a private till the war ended and then remained about one year to take care of the ordnance, artillery and forts at West-Point*

I do further on oath declare that at the time of my said enlistment, I was an inhabitant of *Berwick in the County of York State of Maine and Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

and was on the 17th day of March, 1835, have been ever since, and am now an inhabitant of the State of Maine, residing in *Lebanon* aforesaid, where I have resided for *fifty*

*1* years past. That neither I, nor any one claiming under me, has ever received a grant of Land, or money in lieu thereof, either from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or from the State of Maine for my said service, or any other service during the Revolutionary War, and that I am justly entitled to the benefit of said Resolve.

*Reuben Goodwin*

STATE OF MAINE.

*York*

ss....Subscribed and sworn to this

BEFORE ME,

*fifth*

day of *May*

1836

*Innocent S. Kimball*

Justice of the Peace.

**Know all Men by these Presents, That I**

*Reuben Goodwin* of *Lebanon* in the County of *York*  
and State of *Maine*, being the same person by whom the preceding declaration was made, do hereby  
constitute and appoint *Alexander Hatch* of *Augusta* my true and lawful  
Attorney for me and in my name, to receive from the Land Agent of the State of Maine, such certificate  
as he may issue to me, in virtue of a Resolve of the said State, passed March 24, 1836, entitled a  
"Resolve additional to a Resolve passed March seventeenth in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and thirty-five, entitled 'Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revo-  
lutionary War, and the Widows of the deceased Officers and Soldiers,'" to the benefit of which Resolve  
I am entitled. And my said Attorney is hereby authorized and empowered upon the receipt of said  
certificate, for me in my name, to execute such receipt or acknowledgment therefor, as I might, were  
I personally present.

HEREBY ratifying and confirming whatever my Attorney shall do by virtue hereof, Witness my hand  
and seal this *fifth* day of *May* A. D. 1836

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED  
IN PRESENCE OF

*J. S. Kimball*

*Reuben Goodwin*

**STATE OF MAINE.**

*York* ss.  
**Be it Known, that on this** *fifth* **day of** *May* **1836,**  
before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for said County, personally appeared *Reuben*  
*Goodwin* above named, and acknowledged the foregoing power of Attorney by him signed,  
to be his free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name the day and year last above mentioned.

*Innocent S. Kimball*

Justice of the Peace.



I William Allen Hayes Judge of  
Probate within and for the County of York in  
the State of Maine hereby certify that satis-  
factory evidence under oath has been adduced  
before me to prove that Ruth Goodwin of  
Lebanon in said County was the lawful wife  
and is now the widow of Benben Goodwin  
late of Lebanon in said County of York a  
revolutionary soldier deceased.

Given under my hand this first  
day of June in the year of our Lord  
eighteen hundred & thirty six

Wm. A. Hayes Judge of }  
Probate }

Lebanon June 27, 1836

Sir I herewith send you the claims of  
Nathan Goodwin and widow Ruth Goodwin  
to land, under the Act of rather Resolves  
of March 1825 and the addition thereto. Alexander  
Hatch of Augusta is inserted as Attorney to them  
for signing such papers as may be necessary  
for the completion of the business at your  
office. You will have the goodness to  
direct all communications on this subject  
to the subscriber. Also please inform me  
what disposition has been made of the  
claim of the widow of Thomas Norster late  
of Sanford which I forwarded to you  
some time since

Yours respectfully  
J. S. Kimball

Ruth Goodwin <sup>113</sup> ~~114~~  
widow of Reuben Goodwin  
Rec. March 24, 1836,  
C

Filed July 2<sup>d</sup>. 1836,

Admitted I certify  
N<sup>o</sup>. 118 of C. 3<sup>d</sup>. 1836,  
Rec'd the same  
Oey Hatch

S<sup>d</sup> Alex<sup>d</sup> Hatch



I Ruth Goodwin of Lebanon in the County of York and State of Maine aged seventy years and widow of Nehen Goodwin ye late of said Lebanon deceased do, upon oath, declare in order to obtain the benefit of a Resolue of the Legislature of Maine, passed March 24<sup>th</sup> 1836 entitled a Resolue additional to a Resolue, passed March 17<sup>th</sup> in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five, entitled Resolue in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War and the widows of the deceased Officers and Soldiers, that said Nehen Goodwin ye my late husband enlisted in the year 1781 <sup>for three years</sup> and served as a soldier till Peace between the contending powers and several months after the news of Peace taking care of the ordinance he told me he was an inhabitant of Berwick in York County where he enlisted and soon after he returned home he removed to Lebanon aforesaid and ever after continued to live in said Lebanon till his death which was February 14<sup>th</sup> 1827 - I said Ruth was the lawful wife of said Nehen ye deceased and on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1835, <sup>where</sup> have been ever since and am now an inhabitant of the State of Maine residing in said Lebanon where I have resided for fifty years past. That neither my said husband nor any one claiming under him, has ever received any grant of land or money in lieu thereof, either from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or from the State of Maine for his said service, or any other service during the Revolutionary War, and that as the widow of said Nehen Goodwin ye I am justly entitled to the benefit of said Resolue

Ruth Goodwin  
mark

State of Maine

York ss Subscribed and sworn to this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 1836  
Before me

Innocent S. Kimball Justice of the Peace

Know all Men by these Presents, that I Ruth Goodwin of Lebanon in the County of York and State of Maine widow being the same person by whom the preceding declaration was made, do hereby constitute and appoint Alexander Blatch of said ~~Lebanon~~ <sup>Lebanon</sup> my true and lawful Attorney for me and in my name, to receive from the Land Agent of the State of Maine, such certificate as he may issue to me, in virtue of a Resolue of the said State passed March 24<sup>th</sup> 1836, entitled a Resolue additional to a Resolue passed March seventeenth 1835 entitled a Resolue in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War and the widows of deceased Officers and Soldiers to the benefit of which Resolue I am entitled. And my said Attorney is hereby authorized and empowered upon the receipt of said certificate, for me in my name, to execute such receipt or acknowledgement. Therefore, as I might, were I personally present -

Hereby ratifying and confirming whatever my Attorney shall do by virtue hereof. Witness my hand and seal this twenty third day of April A.D. 1836

Signed, sealed and delivered Ruth Goodwin  
in presence of  
J. S. Kimball

State of Maine

York ss Be it known that on this twenty third day of April 1836 before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for said County, personally appeared Ruth Goodwin above named, and acknowledged the foregoing power of Attorney by her signed to be her free act and deed in testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name the day and year last above named

Innocent S. Kimball Justice of the Peace

76

Reubin Goodwin junr

Private

5<sup>th</sup> Regiment Massachusetts

Line -

From 26 April 1781

To Decr 1783

=

773 words



1  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Suth. J. On the twenty day of April  
A.D. 1819 before me the subscriber, Chief Justice of the Circuit Court  
of Common Pleas for the First Eastern Circuit in said Commonwealth,  
personally appears Reuben Goodwin jun<sup>r</sup> aged fifty five years  
resident in Lebanon, in said County of Cook, who being by me first  
duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration  
in order to obtain the provision made by the late Act of Congress, entitled "An  
Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the  
United States in the revolutionary war": That he the said Reuben Goodwin jun<sup>r</sup>  
on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1781 enlisted as a private soldier into the army of  
the United States for the term of three years, and joined the Army at West  
Point in the month of June of the same year and was attached to Capt.  
Williams's Company of the 5<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Regiment, Genl. Patterson's Brigade  
and continued to do duty in said Company & Regt until Dec<sup>r</sup> 1783, when  
he was discharged - that he received a written discharge signed by  
Genl. Burg which he has had the misfortune to lose. That he is re-  
duced in his circumstances, and needs the assistance of his Country for sup-  
port, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of said service.  
Sworn to and declared before me the day and year above said.

497 words  
(signed) Benj Greene -  
I Benjamin Greene, Chief Justice of the Circuit Court of Common  
Pleas for the First Eastern Circuit, in the Commonwealth aforesaid,  
do Certify, that it appears to my satisfaction that the said Reuben  
Goodwin jun<sup>r</sup> did serve in the revolutionary war against the Com-  
mon enemy, as he has stated in his declaration aforesaid - and that he is  
reduced in his circumstances, and needs the assistance of his Country for  
his support - And I do now transmit the proceedings and testimony  
latter and had before me to the Secretary for the Department of  
War, pursuant to the directions of the before mentioned Act of  
Congress. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and  
affixed the seal of said Court this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June Anno Domini  
1819.  
(Signed) Benj Greene.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Suth. J. On the 29<sup>th</sup> day of  
June A.D. 1819 before me the subscriber, Chief Justice of the Circuit  
Court of Common Pleas for the First Eastern Circuit in said Common-  
wealth personally appears Timothy Hosson & Reuben Goodwin

two Credible and disinterested witnesses, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, they upon their oath do say that they are well acquainted with Reuben Goodwin junr, and that in the month of April A.D. 1781, he enlisted as a private soldier into the Continental army for the term of three years and joined the army in the month of June of the same year at West Point and continued to do his duty as such until he was discharged in Decr- A.D. 1783. That they both served in the same Corps with the said Reuben Goodwin junr from the time he joined the army in 1781 until he was discharged in 1783. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, affixed my seal the day and year above said -

Benj<sup>r</sup> Greene.

I hereby certify that the foregoing pages numbered one and two, are truly copied from the originals on file in the Pension Office, War Department; And I do further certify that it appears from a Register of Final Settlement Certificates, issued by John Pierce, Esq. Pay Master General and Comptroller of the Army Accounts of the United States, that Reuben Goodwin received three Certificates, all bearing date March 1. 1784 - one for \$55.70 due the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1782, one for \$23.15 due January 1. 1783. and another for \$80. due January 1. 1783.

Benj. L. Beale

Sept 28<sup>th</sup> 1835.

I certify, that Benjamin L. Beale, who is employed by the Land Agent of the State of Maine, under a Resolution of the Legislature of that State, approved by the Governor on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 1835, to obtain from the Pension Office certain documents and records, has made an full examination in the case of Reuben Goodwin junr as the Books and Papers of said Office will allow, according to the best of my judgment and belief - Stated at the Pension Office, War Department, the twenty-eighth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five.

J. L. Edwards  
Comptroller of Pensions

I Reuben Goodwin of Lebanon in the County of York and State of Maine aged seventy three years, do testify and say that I served in the War of the Revolution as a three years man and that Reuben Goodwin <sup>jr</sup> late of said Lebanon deceased was the lawful husband of Ruth Goodwin widow now of said Lebanon; that said Reuben Goodwin <sup>jr</sup> enlisted as a three years man in the Army of the Revolution in the latter part of the year A.D. 1781 and served as a private in the fifth Regiment till the war ended and then he remained at West-Point till about the time I left. Said Reuben Goodwin <sup>jr</sup> was at the time of his said enlistment an inhabitant of Berwick in said County of York and a neighbor of mine. At the time of his decease he was an inhabitant of Lebanon aforesaid and had been for forty four years. I knew said Reuben <sup>jr</sup> well before he enlisted and knew him also in the army and always after till his death.

Reuben Goodwin.

York B May 5: 1836 then personally appeared the above named Reuben Goodwin and made oath that the above deposition by him subscribed is true  
Before me  
Jesse S. Kimball  
Justice of Peace

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
York ss. On this fourth day of February A.D. 1819  
before me the Subscriber, Chief Justice of the Circuit  
Court of Common Pleas for the first Eastern Circuit in  
said Commonwealth, personally appears Reuben Goodwin  
aged fifty six years resident in Lebanon in said County  
of York, who being by me first duly sworn according  
to law, doth on his oath make the following  
Declaration in order to obtain the provisions made  
by the late Act of Congress, entitled "An Act to  
provide for certain persons engaged in the land  
and naval service of the United States in the Rev-  
olutionary War! - That in the month of March  
A.D. 1782 he enlisted as a private Soldier for the  
term of three years and joined the continental  
Army under Captain Abbott of Col. Suppers  
Regiment Massachusetts Line and continued to  
do his duty in said Company and Regiment  
until he was transferred to Captain Trotters com-  
pany of the fifth Regiment and served in said  
Company until he was again transferred to Capt.  
John Mills Company of Col. Vase's Regiment and  
continued to do his duty in the last mentioned  
Company and Regiment until the close of the  
War - when he was discharged at West point  
and left his discharge with a person who under-  
took to recover the balance due him as wages -  
but has never received the balance of his wages or  
his discharge since - (And in proof of the foregoing  
declaration made by the said Reuben Goodwin,  
Simeon Goodwin, and Mark Nowell, the former  
of whom is twin brother of the said Reuben Goodwin  
and who enlisted and served with him, and Jona-  
than Hamilton, three credible and disinterested  
witnesses



2  
Witnesses personally appears and being by me first duly sworn according to law they upon their oaths do say that the said Reuben Goodwin did enter the continental army at the time he alleges, and continued to his duty in the same corps in which they served until the close of the war when he was discharged. That he is reduced in his circumstances and needs the assistance of his country for support, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year above said. (Signed)

Benjamin Greene

I Benjamin Greene, Chief Justice of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas for the first Eastern Circuit, in the commonwealth aforesaid, do certify, that it appears to my satisfaction that the said Reuben Goodwin did serve in the revolutionary war against the common enemy, as he has stated in his declaration aforesaid - and that he is reduced in his circumstances, and needs the assistance of his country for his support. - And I do now transmit the proceedings and testimony taken and had before me to the Secretary for the Department of War, pursuant to the directions of the before mentioned act of Congress.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February Anno Domini, 1819. (Signed)

Benjamin Greene



3  
I hereby certify that the foregoing pages numbered from one to two are truly copied from the originals on file in the Pension Office, War Department; and I do further certify that it appears from a list of final settlement certificates issued by John Pierce Esqr. that Paymaster General and Commissioner of the Army accounts for the United States, deposited in said Office, that Reuben Goodwin received two certificates as follows. One for \$23.<sup>45</sup>/<sub>100</sub> due 1<sup>st</sup> Jan'y 1762. and one for \$55.<sup>70</sup>/<sub>100</sub> due also on the 1<sup>st</sup> of Jan'y 1763. and both dated 1<sup>st</sup> of March 1764.

Ch. Fletcher

I certify that Charles Fletcher, who is employed by the Land Agent of the State of Maine, under a Resolution of the Legislature of that State, approved by the Governor on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March 1835, to obtain from the pension office certain documents and records, has made as full an examination in the case of Reuben Goodwin as the Books & papers of said office will allow, according to the best of my judgment and belief. Dated at the Pension Office, War Department the 25<sup>th</sup> July 1836.

Geo. McCune  
Acting Commr of Pensions



1

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
York S.S. } On this seventh day of April A.D. 1819  
before me the subscriber, Chief Justice of the Circuit  
Court of Common Pleas for the first Eastern Circuit  
in said Commonwealth; personally appears Reuben  
Goodwin Jr. aged fifty five years resident in Lebanon  
in said County of York, who being by me first duly  
sworn according to law doth on his oath make the  
following Declaration in order to obtain the provision  
made by the late act of Congress; entitled "an act to  
provide for certain persons engaged in the land and  
naval service of the United States in the Revolu-  
tionary War";— That <sup>he</sup> the said Reuben Goodwin Jr.  
on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1781. enlisted as a private  
Soldier into the army of the United States for the term  
of three years and joined the army at West point in  
the month of June of the same year; and was at-  
tached to Capt Williams Company of the 5<sup>th</sup>  
Massachusetts Regiment, General Pattersons Brigade,  
and continued to do his duty in said Company,  
and Regiment— until December 1783 when he was  
discharged— that he received a written discharge  
signed by General Knod which he has had the mis-  
fortune to lose. That he is reduced in circum-  
stances and needs the assistance of his country  
for support, and that he has no other evidence now in  
his power of his said service. Sworn to and declared  
before me the day and year above said.

Signed, *Benjn. Greene*

I Benjamin Greene, Chief Justice of the Circuit  
Court of Common Pleas for the first Eastern Circuit  
in the Commonwealth aforesaid, do certify, that  
it appears to my satisfaction that the said  
Reuben

Reuben Goodwin Jr. did serve in the revolutionary war against the common enemy, as he has stated in his declaration aforesaid - and that he is reduced in his circumstances, and needs the assistance of his country for his support. - And I do now transmit the proceedings and testimony taken and had before me to the Secretary for the Department of War, pursuant to the directions of the before mentioned act of Congress.

In Testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court this 29th day of June Anno Domini 1819.

(Signed)

Benj<sup>r</sup>. Greene

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
York Sd. On this 29th day of June A.D. 1819, before me the subscriber Chief Justice of the <sup>Circuit</sup> Court of common Pleas for the first Eastern Circuit in said Commonwealth personally appears Timothy Horsous & Reuben Goodwin, two credible and disinterested witnesses, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, they upon their oaths do say that they are well acquainted with Reuben Goodwin Jr. - and that in the month of April A.D. 1781 he enlisted as a private soldier into the Continental Army for the term of three years and joined the army in the month of June of the same year at West point and continued to do his duty as such until he was discharged in December 1783. that they both served in the same corps with the said Reuben Goodwin Junr. from the time he joined the army in 1781 until he was discharged in 1783. In Testimony I have hereto

unto set my hand & affixed my seal the day & year above said. (Signed) Benj<sup>r</sup>. Greene

South Berwick 2 July 1819.

Sir,

Herewith are enclosed the applications of Reuben Horsous - and Reuben Goodwin Jr. - their services I presume are satisfactorily proved - and of the latter it may be proper perhaps, for me to remark, in order to prevent any mistake respecting his identity - that he is not the same Reuben Goodwin whose pension certificate I have lately received, he resides in the same Town, and served in the army of the United States at the same time with his namesake who is one of his witnesses - I am well acquainted with them both - one is known by the name of Reuben Goodwin and the other by the name of Reuben Goodwin Jr.

I am Sir, respectfully

Your obt. servant

J. L. Edwards Esq.

(Signed)

Benj<sup>r</sup>. Greene

I hereby certify that the foregoing pages numbered from one to three inclusive are truly copied from the originals on file in the Pension Office, War Department; And I do further certify that it appears from a List of final Settlement Certificates, Issued by John Pierce Esq. Paymaster General and Commissioner of the Army accounts for the United States, deposited in said Office, that Reuben Goodwin received two certificates as follows, one for \$55.<sup>70</sup>/<sub>100</sub> due on the 1st of January 1782. And one for \$80 due also on the 1st January 1783. both dated 1st March 1784.

Ch. Fletcher

I Certify that Charles F. Fletcher, who is employed by the Land Agent of the State of Maine, under a Resolution of the Legislature of that State, approved by the Governor on the 17th of March 1835, to obtain from the Pension Office certain documents and records, has made as full an examination in the case of Reuben Goodwin as the Books and Papers of said office will allow, according to the best of my judgment and belief. Dated at the Pension Office, War Department the 25th July 1836.

Geo. W. Baccump  
Acting Commr. of Pensions

I find no Reuben Goodwin Jr on the list of final settlements, I find the name of Reuben Goodwin in two different Regiments from the number of certificates & the names of the <sup>Deposits</sup> ~~settlers~~ in ~~one~~ Regt. Presume there were two Reuben Goodwins.  
Ch. Fletcher

Reuben Goodwin Jr

Doct Alexander Hatch

Augusta

Maine

Lebanon June 27, 1876

Doct. A. Hatch Dear Sir,

By the desire of  
Mrs Reuben Goodwin and Widow Ruth Goodwin  
both of this town I request you to attend to a  
little business for them at the Office of William  
Wort or Esq Postmaster at Augusta. It will require  
your attention but a few moments. Mr Wort will  
inform you of the nature of the business. It is con-  
-cerning a pension of land given them by an Act  
of the Legislature for service in the War of  
the Revolution. If you will have the goodness  
to go to Mr Wort and attend to said business  
you will greatly oblige them, and if you will  
forward to me your bill for your trouble  
I will see it paid. They say you were an  
acquaintance of theirs, and will have the condescension  
to attend to the same as desired. I have forwarded  
the necessary papers to Mr Wort informing him  
that you are authorised to act for Mrs R Goodwin  
and Mrs Goodwin -

Very respectfully your  
obedient servant

J. S. Kimball